

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA**

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LIST OF LIFE SAVING DRUGS .
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of drugs/medicines included in the list of life saving drugs during the last year;
- (b) the details of drugs/medicines proposed to be incorporated in this list during the current year; and
- (c) the norms fixed for inclusion of those medicines into the said list and the number of patients/persons to be benefited therefrom?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS AND MINISTER OF STEEL (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN):

(a) to (c) The Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1995 (DPCO, 95) does not make any distinction between Life Saving drugs and other drugs. There is no specific norms or guidelines to determine as to which drugs can be classified as life saving drugs. Every drug, in general, is considered useful in saving and prolonging of life.